

Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., August 31, 1833, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.

Washington, August 31, 1833.

My dear Andrew, My spirits have been somewhat depressed since you and sarah with my dear little Rachel left us. I cannot tell why, unless being very lonesome at night not hearing the prattle of little Rachel.

I hope you had a pleasant and safe passage and that you all enjoy good health. My son, you have now the promise of good health and I beseech you to preserve it, do not in any manner expose it, recollect you have been threatened with a breast complaint from a bad cough from which you are now clear and by careful and regular habits you may avoid it for the future, the least irregularity or exposure will cause it to return and it may be very hard to remove. I therefore conjure you to take great care of yourself. You are blessed with a charming wife and sweet little daughter and the prospect of a large family. You must now live for them and their prosperity, and in all your course thro life remember that if you do any thing injurious to your fame it will tarnish theirs. Piety, and a sober and well regulated life I trust, will accompany you thro life, and bring you and your family to a happy immortality for which my prayers will be always offered to a throne of Grace.

Write me when you will return. kiss Sarah and little Rachel for me, and present my kind regards to Emma and kiss the son for me and present it with my blessing. hand the enclosed to sarah and believe yr affectionate father

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P.S. When sarah makes her purchases and you and her compleats the engagement for the settees and chairs, send me on the amount that I may prepare to remit it.